

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 24 and concluding on page 2, line 2 as follows:

[0007] Linear guide apparatuses have recently been developed which, with a view to compensating for the drawback of rolling guide, employ a braking mechanism, etc. in a rolling guide to generate a frictional force, thereby enhancing the damping capacity of the rolling guide. Such conventional linear guide apparatuses include an apparatus in which an elastic bag is expanded by air pressure so as to press a damping plate against a brake rail (see Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 1997-217743), an apparatus in which a brake plate is deformed by the action of a pressurized fluid so as to press the plate against a track rail (see Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 1997-329141), and an apparatus in which brake shoe is pressed against a guide rail by means of a hydraulic biasing device (see Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 2000-9655 2001-009655).